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The benefits at the New York and other theaters in aid of the sufferers by the Brooklyn Theater fire brought about \$13,000 to the relief fund. Booth's Theater, New York, reported receipts at \$3,000; Wallack's \$2,900; Union Square, \$1,900; Gilmore's Garden, \$1,700. The total contributions to the relief fund amount to \$21,567.

The Turkish muddle seems no nearer a solution than at the cessation of hostilities with Serbia. The European powers have adopted a programme and announced it to the Sultan as their ultimatum. It is by no means certain that the Sultan will accept it. In case of his refusal to do so, the foreign ambassadors will withdraw from Constantinople, in which event it would appear that the only resource left will be for Turkey and Russia to fight it out.

PREPARATIONS are being made in Rome, for celebrating with great pomp and ceremony, the semi-centennial anniversary of the election of Pope Pius IX. to the papacy, which occurs on the 21st of May, 1877. Deputations from all countries, will be sent to Rome, bearing presents and offerings. All this of course, will be dependent upon the life of the Pope in the meantime. The old man has had many narrow escapes from the grave, and to a man of his age and infirmities death may come at any hour.

RECENT mention was made of the fact that the ex-rebels in Grenada, Mississippi, were abusing the postmaster there to such an extent that the Postmaster General had it in contemplation to close the post-office altogether. He has since done so, and the postmaster has left the place. On Saturday, however, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue received information that Deputy-collector Kelly, of that district, was attacked by a mob in Grenada last week, and nearly beaten to death, being accused by the Democrats of having influenced the Postmaster General in his action in closing the post-office. Kelly came near being killed, and was only rescued by the aid of some friendly citizens. The inhabitants of Grenada now have to go ten miles for their mail matter.

The New York Evening Post, in commenting on the course of conservative leaders, says: "It does not imply treachery on their part to believe that Lamar, of Mississippi, and Hill and Stephens, of Georgia, for example, will act after the 4th of March like statesmen and patriots not only, but like intelligent politicians as well. Of course they haven't been bargaining with Mr. Hayes for cabinet offices or other places. The story to that effect is insulting to them and to Hayes. It is so preposterous that it carries its contradiction with it; but we have no doubt that these men will be found after the 4th of March giving their support to measures which will promote the peace and prosperity of their part of the country, no matter whether those measures have a republican or a democratic origin."

The decision of the Supreme Court in Florida reopening the canvass of the votes in that state presents an entirely new phase of the political question. The court held, in effect, that the functions of the canvassers are purely ministerial and that they had no right to throw out certain votes which were rejected by them nor to include certain votes which were counted; and it has ordered them to re-count the votes from the face of the returns. The statements in regard to the effect of this decision are conflicting, one being that it only affects the office of governor, while another says that it involves a re-count of the electoral votes. We shall not be surprised if the latter statement prove true. It is more than probable that the decision is part of Mr. Tilden's general plan of fighting for the presidency at every point, and we shall not be surprised to learn that the electoral votes in Florida are to be re-canvassed with a view of counting him in. This would be an extraordinary proceeding, nothing less than a forcible resurrection of a tribunal which is *functus officio*, clothing it with new life and investing it with new powers. A day or two at further will develop the scope and intent of the supreme court decision.—*Ind. Journal.*

Reduced Rates.—The St. Nicholas omnibus and carriage line will, from and after this date, carry passengers to and from the depot or to any part of the city for Twenty-five cents. Leave your orders at the office of the line for either bus or carriage. Only 25 cents.  
LAW & BRO.

DEATH IN THE DRAIN.

The Most Fruitful Source of Diphtheria—Opinion of the President of the New York Board of Health.

Brooklyn Argus.  
"The origin of diphtheria," said President Chandler, of the Board of Health, "is a mystery. Most New York physicians, I believe, think that sewer gases started it. It is a germ disease, like small-pox, and is communicable. It often seizes robust children who, at the funerals of playmates, or in school or church, are exposed to its direct influence."

"The diphtheritic poison, impregnating the air-passages of the patient, affects the entire system. The air-passages impregnation speedily changes into inflammation, accompanied by the formation of membrane. Fever next follows. The poison begins to work as soon as it falls upon the tissues or air-passages, but doesn't sensibly affect the patient till two or five days later. Then he feels great prostration, his throat is dry, and he has pricking pains in swallowing. The throat reddens, white membrane appears in patches and the glands swell. In fatal cases the fever increases, the throat inflammation spreads and general exhaustion follows."

"The diphtheritic poison clings long to rooms, and may occasion death months afterward. Diphtheria, prefers, seemingly, children between one and ten; the average of its victims now is about two years. Neither heat nor cold, rain nor drouth, affect it. Cleanliness and pure air everywhere tend to avert and mitigate it."

"Where it exists no child should be permitted to kiss strange children, particularly when they have sore throats, or even to play with their toys. When any child in a family has a sore throat, the other children should be kept rigidly apart, in dry, well-ventilated rooms. Every throat affection should be promptly treated. The sick child should be watchfully nursed in a well-ventilated, sunlit room. Men who live on Fifth Avenue are astonished that their children die. It is not at all marvelous; half of the houses there are not fit to live in. One-half of their owners, I am confident, have never been in their own cellars. They fill their drawing-rooms with satins and gildings, but give no heed to the drain pipes. Often five dollars would have saved a loved child's life, if reasonably spent in repairing a defective drain-pipe."

"A few days ago I went into the cellar of a great brown-stone house. The current of sewer-gas, rushing directly up to the bed-rooms, put out my candle and left me to grope my way out in darkness."

"We have only one expert in plumbers' work, and as the examination of a single house takes an hour or two, he cannot accomplish much. Men should look to their plumbing for themselves."

"If the Board of Health had a hospital in which children suffering from diphtheria could be isolated it would be the saving of many lives."

THE three men who have given this country the most trouble are Aaron Burr, Jefferson Davis and Samuel J. Tilden. The first plotted treason against the Government under the guise of forming a southwestern confederacy. The second led eleven States into rebellion and plunged the country into a destructive civil war. The third is trying to make himself President by a series of bold revolutionary measures involving a complete overthrow of the constitution and, in logical sequence, our political dissolution. The name of Burr has become a hissing and a byword; Jefferson Davis is regarded by all loyal Americans as the greatest criminal of the age, and if justice is done Tilden will be gibbeted in history along with the other two as a man who was willing to sacrifice the constitution and the peace of the nation to the advancement of his own personal ends. Burr and Davis did no worse than he is doing now.

SOMETHING ALTOGETHER NEW.—The San Francisco *Alta* contains this queer item: "An eminent physician of this city has received a confidential communication from a man who has known Gov. Tilden from childhood, and he says he has 'a sure thing' on betting that Tilden will never be President of the United States unless the constitution undergoes alteration, for the reason that the aforesaid Tilden was not born in the United States, nor under any of the conditions which the constitution recognizes as an equivalent for being born on the soil." The Doctor's friend says he is ready to prove his assertion, and if by any hook or crook, the majority of the votes of the Electoral College should be cast for Tilden, then he will denounce the alien pretender and save the nation. And the man seems to believe his own story; nay, more, has more than half convinced the Doctor."

DAY by day it becomes more apparent that Mr. Tilden would be willing to rest himself in the Presidential chair, by trickery and fraud. The latest scheme that has been devised, and it is understood by Tilden himself, is to have Cronin retain the electoral votes which he claims to have, instead of filing them with the President of the Senate. It will be remembered that Cronin has in his possession the Governor's certificate, as to the election of two Republican electors, and it is claimed that without this certificate, the vote of Oregon cannot be counted. Thus it is boldly confessed that Mr. Tilden proposes to secure the Presidency by the theft of the vote of a sovereign State. But this game, like all the other dishonest schemes of the wily railroad wrecker, will come to naught.

PLANS of compromise and adjustment are just now as plenty as blackberries in August. One of the latest suggestions for straightening out the electoral entanglement is, that in case objection is made to any return while the president of the senate is engaged in counting the votes, he shall decide as to the validity of the return objected to. An appeal being made from his decision, the house and senate shall separately vote on the question of annulling or overruling the decision. Should both agree in the reversal of the decision that agreement shall be final, but if one vote to sustain and the other to overrule, then the decision itself shall stand. It is not likely that the democrats would look with favor upon this plan, since its effect would be to allow the republicans to surrender the whole case to the republican majority in the senate. There are at present no indications that the house will agree to any plan of compromise that is not on one side—that shall give the house the balance of power in the right to throw out the vote of either of the disputed states.—*Chicago Tribune.*

B. P. Shillaber in an article appearing in *Our Dumb Animals*, contrasts the protection offered to game in California with the reckless destruction constantly going on in Massachusetts. Wild fowl swarm the bay at San Francisco, and approach man with perfect confidence, no attempt being made to destroy them, as the game law is very strict. The sea lions which tenant the rocks in the vicinity of the Golden Gate are also secure from molestation, and hundreds may be seen sporting at a time. The possessors of private grounds take pains to protect birds against sportsmen, and song birds abound there, an example well worthy of being followed by older communities.

THE FACT IS.

Hard times, increase the business at the shoe store of L. L. FERRIS, because it forces people to look around for the place where they can get the best Boots and Shoes for the least money. It is a positive relief to visit this large store where everything is life and activity, and we often wonder why it is that the times complained of by everyone else are pronounced good by this firm.—FERRIS says nothing but the best custom-made goods, and puts his prices right down with the times. If others would do the same things they would have a better show to make money in dull times.

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Dec. 14-dtf LUTHER L. FERRIS.

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Oysters served in any style at J. J. Drake's Restaurant, Opera Block. 9dt

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The senatorial fight is as badly mixed as ever. Logan has taken a room at a leading hotel and is surrounded by his friends, who are industriously engaged in smoking the Senator's choice Havana. Of course Logan claims that his election is certain, at least if the republicans stand by their caucus nomination, of which he is sure. Meanwhile, the Independents and democrats are fast uniting against him.

A conference was held to-day on the subject. It was attended by quite a large delegation of the faithful. The Cook county representatives favored John C. Haines, of this city, while the country is in favor of ex-Gov. Palmer. The meeting ended in nothing definite, but will be followed by more caucusing until the democrats and Independents are firmly allied. At present there is anything but harmony in the democratic ranks. The Cook county men are striving to run the whole thing, and the rural members are determined that they shall not do it.

The particular object of the conference to-day was to baffle the Cook county men and get the Independents over to the support of Hon. William Reddick, a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat of the old school. The Republican party are Hon. George Washington Armstrong, of Chicago, and Hon. James H. Harrington, of Kane county. Mr. Reddick was interviewed by the *Journal* this afternoon. As reported by that paper he said he felt certain in his own mind that Gen. Logan would be elected Senator. In his opinion the Independents would not go over to the Democrats. In all probability, he said, they would set up for themselves and endeavor to bring the Democracy over to them. The result will be that perhaps nineteen-twentieths of the Democrats may fall in with the plan, but the other twentieth will rebel, and elect a man who is not a Democrat but a straight Democrat, who stood by the party when it was poor and powerless, will vote for General Logan. Mr. Reddick voted for reiterating his present firm belief that such will be the outcome of this struggle. J. H. Harrington, of Kane, said he had four sentences to get rid of in regard to the Senatorial problem. "He was against a Republican," 2. "He was in favor of a Democrat," 3. "He was in favor of a Democrat who believed that Tilden was elected," 4. "He was in favor of seeing Tilden inaugurated."

TELEGRAPHIC.

FLORIDA.

The Re-count in that State

WILL NOT AFFECT THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

The Illinois Senatorship.

HOW IT LOOKS IN CHICAGO

Also, the Springfield View.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., December 27.—The session of the General Assembly, which will meet one week from to-day, promises to be one of unusual interest. The Senatorial question will be the absorbing topic until it shall be finally disposed of. Already there are a number of politicians here from various parts of the State, looking after the interests of their favorite candidates. The most serious question is whether the Senator to be elected will be a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent. If all of the Independents in the Senate should join the Democracy they combined can make the choice. The self-styled Independents in the House who were elected as democrats, and have always been of that persuasion, will cut but very little figure in the contest. Hon. S. M. Calton has been spoken of as a probable candidate, but he authorizes the statement that he is not a candidate; that he much prefers to hold the office to which the people of the state have elected him than to take the position of United States senator.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 27.—The state canvassers, in obedience to the order of the supreme court, met to-day and re-canvassed the returns. The report of the result will be presented to the court to-morrow, accompanied by a protest by a majority of the board, in which they declare their first canvass stands as a true and proper canvass of the returns. The position of the republicans is, that obedience to the law is the first duty of the citizen, and, while obeying the jurisdiction of the court, they refuse to put themselves in the attitude of revolutionaries. This position must commend itself to all good citizens, and contrasts favorably with the actions of the democratic party. On the re-canvassing of the board to-day Attorney-General Coker offered the following resolution:

Mr. Coker said: I move that, in obedience to the order of the supreme court, the board of canvassers proceed to canvass the returns from each county, according to the face of said returns and that the same principle be applied to returns for members of congress and legislature, as adopted in relation to returns of governor and lieutenant governor.

Mr. Oswig moved to amend by adding the following words to the first clause, "unless such return shows falsity upon its face."

The resolution, thus amended, passed unanimously. The result of to-day's canvass elected Drew, governor, by 195; Hayes electors by 209; Davidson, democrat, to congress, by 540; Brisbane, republican, by 320. The republicans have deserved great credit for their brave fight. Their victory was stolen from them by the order of a court which earns for itself a questionable reputation throughout the country. The democrats are outraged over the result as to presidential electors, and are compelled to content themselves with the lesser spoils of the judicial raid.

NEW ORLEANS, December 27.—The Senate Warlike Sub-Committee considered Edw. Baton Rouge. Alexander Gilbert, colored, testified that armed bodies of men, styled "bull-dozers" or "regulators," rode on the "pudle roads" nights, and visited negroes' cabins, visited witnesses; they tied a rope around his wife's neck, and bid damaged his property; armed whites had broken up a Republican meeting in October; knew several cases of bull-dozing negroes for their Republicanism, the same being done with murderous effect. He named in the case of Payne, who was killed in sight of witness, and Paul Johnson, whose murder the greatest brutality was practiced.

In the evening Mr. Daymon testified to a reign of terror among the Republicans in East Baton Rouge.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—A knowledge with orders from Washington all attendance at the St. Louis National, formerly known as the National, has been removed; the cannon, over 300 in number, to Rock Island, the guns and pistons to the New York Arsenal. The removal will commence to-morrow. The arsenal here is to be converted into a cavalry recruiting station.

Great Bargains in Jewelry at J. L. Knappe's, 24 Merchant Street. Feb. 7-dtf.

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